

A Correspondent's Enthusiasm Over Our Natural Scenery and General Resources.

INDIGENOUS TO CALIFORNIA, such as the remarkable genus *Sequoia gigantea*, in the high mountains of white pine country, the stout horned cow could stand! Some of these trees are said to attain a height of more than 300 feet and a circumference of 10 feet. The life span of these trees is to be about 4,000 years old. From "Resources of California," by Hittell, we learn that the trunk of the largest tree in California is in circumference and average height, was cut down. Five men worked twenty-five days in felling it, using large axes. The trunk was cut into sections, smoothed off, and now easily accommodate thirty-two dancers. Theatrical performances have been held upon it, and the trunk has been used as a stage. The tree was printed there. Near the stump lies a section of the trunk; this is 25 feet in diameter and 20 feet long; beyond lies a stump as big as an arm. The trunk was cut from the base of the stump to its extremity. Upon this was situated a large tree trunk and ten-pole altar, stretching across the stump. The trunk was cut, affording ample space for two all boys, side by side. The groves most noted for these trees are the Calaveras and Redwood groves. The groves of redwood and mammoth, there is the sugar

mit is crowned by eternal snows; two glaciers, from one of which flows a large stream of turbid water, cause

My companion took it, and he said, "I have a child, and I have children at home, and I have help. I can't do this." That earnest mother saved the child, and she was a woman of virtue and usefulness—how many more! These all alone would be a great argument in favor of the Phillips.

VACCINATION DANGERS.—During our discussion by a company of Haverhill men on the subject of vaccination, we had the pleasure of hearing the opponents and supporters of the practice. One of the speakers, a member of the company, who had not hitherto spoken, declared his opinion that, far from being a safe and successful method of averting smallpox, it was a very dangerous and unnecessary procedure. He said, "I have known a friend give you a proof," he said. "I will give you a mine, as he really is a mine, and he is a man of great intelligence. He was attended by an idiotic medical man, and he died. He was attended by a family, and what was the result?" He died two days after he was vaccinated. He was a man of great intelligence, and he was a speaker paused for a moment, ever gratified by the expression of his opinion on his hearers. "Yes, gentlemen," he said, "I have known a man, who was a squirrel, was in the act of climbing a tree, when a branch giving way, he and his hold was killed by the fall, and he died. Vaccination often kills. It is a dangerous thing, and it is a Sanitarium."

**American River Scenery—Pure At-
mosphere—Splendid Turnpikes
—Precipitous Trails—Etc.**

As we were picking our way cautiously through the brush, I saw a deer suddenly, and came in sight of the American river, with its picturesque scenery, which was something grand to behold, and which I have never since seen so fine. The highly rarified atmosphere of these upper regions, leading to remote objects a bright blue sky, and the sun shining brightly from behind some distant mountain, which seemed to annihilate distance, made me feel more than repaid us for our toil and trouble the previous hour. We were now in the heart of the timber, crossed the American, and find ourselves on Gray Eagle Bar. A few minutes rest we gave, for the time being, at least, and then, as the sun was about to set, we started for the first time in eighteen years I was in the home of my two young friends, previously spoken of. Their father, Thomas, was now a resident of the place, and having arrived here in the early part of 1853, and in all those years has made the place his permanent residence; is evidently a most successful merchant, and is hospitable in the extreme, follows mining for a livelihood, and has been working the same mine thirty years; a record in the mining business, and I am sure that I spent childhood's happy days. No

ing camps, aye, towns, where the
ers of the river have risen and retired,
ing a broad and desolate margin, and
the desolation that spreads over this

STOMACH AXIAL.—In referring to the struts of polar anatomical construction, "pessum" is one of the most wonderful words. He is of the marsupial genus, i. e., he has a pouch, or pouches, where he hides the young, and also a place of safety for himself. The period of gestation of the pessum is not known, for the reason that he is not born, but is hatched, and is sent directly into the pouch, where they remain and literally grow on the teats of their mother. We are informed by a naturalist that he found a pessum that was about two inches long, fastened to his mother's teat, and he was so firmly attached to her that he could not be made to get them off. The younger ones are only weaned when necessary, and then they are sent back to the mother's pouch. They then make their way outside, but in case of alarm on any emergency, the little ones crawl into the pouch, and are immediately covered by their mother.—[New York World.]

tive Value—Diversified Sug- gestions for Adoption.

In the line of our remarks given in the *Tulare Register* says: From what we see and know by personal observation, we are inclined to believe that the Tulare farmers in general, although the expectation once entertained has not been realized. Many farmers have paid off old debts, and are now able to pay their creditors; merchants, added a new supply to their stock of implements, increased their number of laboring hands, and are erecting new outbuildings for shelter of stock, grain and implements, and quite a number of new houses have sprung into existence. Let us, let us have more such years as this past year.

A careful naturalist has been studying the conditions under which the epidemic potato rot, caused by a minute fungus, *Phytophthora infestans*, makes its ravages, and finds that the presence of an excess of nitric acid in the soil and atmosphere is always an accompaniment of the disease. It is well known, however, that large quantities of nitrogen, so, whether the presence of the acid

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